

# SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PURCHASING, INVOICING AND DISTRIBUTING ITEMS

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for supplying items to dispensing units that hold at least one type of  
5 item and a record of inventory levels comprises periodically sending restocking information  
from the dispensing units over a network to a server computer. Ordering information is  
generated for the items to be restocked based on the restocking information. The ordering  
information is electronically sent to one or more supplier computers to order items to be  
restocked into the dispensing units.

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